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Sent: 6/11/2014 7:06:47 PM
To: Frey, Rebecca [frey.rebecca@epa.gov]; Mcseveney, Megan [mcseveney.megan@epa.gov]; Deamer, Eileen [deamer.eileen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

Let's incorporate these. Becky found the error that had slipped through (FS not RI).

From: Frey, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 2:05 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael; Mcseveney, Megan; Deamer, Eileen
Subject: RE: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

A few suggested changes highlighted in yellow:

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From: Berkoff, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 1:59 PM
To: Mcseveney, Megan; Deamer, Eileen
Cc: Frey, Rebecca
Subject: RE: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

That is still correct. Megan, could you point out your edits for expedience?

From: Mcseveney, Megan
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 1:56 PM
To: Deamer, Eileen; Berkoff, Michael
Cc: Frey, Rebecca
Subject: RE: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

Here are my edits below. One question, media coverage said a remedy would not be proposed until the end of the year. Is that still correct?

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From: Deamer, Eileen
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 1:50 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael
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Okay – Doug would like it quickly...

From: Berkoff, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 1:31 PM
To: Deamer, Eileen
Cc: Mcseveney, Megan; Frey, Rebecca
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I believe that Megan is going to add this to the summary. I put her in the circulation loop in the last email.

From: Deamer, Eileen
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 1:27 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael
Subject: RE: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

You around Michael?

Per Doug's message do you want to add:

Rep. Upton questioned whether there was treatment technologies to address the PCBs in the landfill to make them less toxic. He seemed interested in the fact that with a new landfill cover, the groundwater extraction system would be turned off. There was no discussion that all the materials in the landfill should be shipped off-site.

From: Berkoff, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 10:01 AM
To: Deamer, Eileen
Subject: RE: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

We should. I will add to my version and send it back to you.

From: Deamer, Eileen
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Berkoff, Michael
Subject: RE: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

That looks pretty good to me. I'm wondering if we should add any information regarding the redevelopment meetings going on with the City and that they seem open to discussion some redevelopment options that may not include complete removal of landfill materials.

From: Berkoff, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 9:43 AM
To: Deamer, Eileen
Subject: Upton Tour Recap McCarthy

It is all a bit fuzzy.